



Route 1 Transit Study SJ292



Background – Legislative Action

- **Senate Joint Resolution (SJ 292) – 2011
General Assembly Session**

Requesting the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to evaluate the level of study necessary to identify and advance potential public transportation services to Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County and the Marine Corps Base at Quantico in Prince William and Stafford Counties

Route 1 Status Update

- DRPT has held coordination meetings with WMATA, PRTC, Fairfax, Prince William, and Stafford Counties regarding SJ292 to discuss existing projects and anticipated improvements affecting the Route 1 corridor
- Fairfax County has been awarded \$180 Million to widen Route 1 from Telegraph Road to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to address impacts associated with BRAC relocations at Fort Belvoir
- Prince William County has conducted several studies related to transit and improving land-use conditions to support transit. Information from these studies will be referenced in the future planning efforts

Next Generation of Study for Route 1

Near-Term Improvements (2-5 years) – Led by DRPT

- DRPT will conduct a study that will build and expand upon existing recommendations
- Develop and analyze a range of improvements that can be made to the Route 1 existing right-of-way within 2 to 5 years
 - Document existing conditions on Route 1
 - Develop a range of improvements for transit on Route 1 within 2 – 5 years that may include:
 - Implementation of transit signal priority and queue jumps
 - Dedicated lane for transit within existing right-of-way
 - Improvements to transit shelters and pedestrian facilities
 - Spot improvements and short segments of road widening may be considered, however major road widening along the entire length of the Route 1 right-of-way will not be considered as a near-term improvement
- Conduct meaningful public involvement throughout the course of study
 - Engage all demographic population segments
 - Provide daytime and evening public involvement opportunities
- Hold Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Advisory Committee Meetings
- Develop a funding and implementation plan for the recommended near-term improvements

Next Generation of Study for Route 1 (continued)

Long-Term Transit Improvements

- Fairfax County will initiate and lead an Alternatives Analysis
- Fairfax County will seek federal funds to conduct an Alternatives Analysis that will study a range of major capital investment build alternatives, such as Light Rail Transit and MetroRail

Next Steps

- In consultation with VDOT and Fairfax County, DRPT will develop the scope of work for the Route 1 Near-Term Improvements Study (December/January)
- Procurement of DRPT on-call consultants to conduct the Route 1 Near-Term Improvements Study (January/February)
- Route 1 Near-Term Improvements Study Kick-off (March/April)

Questions?

